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1. ON APRIL 7 MINSTATE FOR INTERIOR AFFAIRS PRINCE NAYIF BIN 'ABD AL-AZIZ ANNOUNCED THAT THE ROYAL DIWAN'S STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF POLITICAL DETAINEES (REFTEL) HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED. HE SAID THAT 62 PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN SERVING SENTENCES RANGING FROM 6 TO 30 YEARS AND WHO CONSTITUTED ALL POLITICAL DETAINEES, HAD BEEN RELEASED.

2. NAYIF'S STATEMENT MADE NO MENTION OF PERSONS LIVING IN
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EXILE FOR POLITICAL REASONS. WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW MANY

PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED OR THE MECHANICS OF HOW THEY MIGHT RETURN.
IT WOULD BE QUITE IN KEEPING WITH SAUDI PRACTICE IF THESE
PERSONS WERE TO HAVE RELATIVES IN THE KINGDOM
DETERMINE FOR THEM WHETHER THEY ARE WELCOME BACK. FAMILY
BONDS HERE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND THE STRAINS
OF POLITICAL DISGRACE AND OFFICIAL OPPROBRIUM FOR A PERSON
DOES NOT GENERALLY AFFECT THE STANDING OF HIS FAMILY.
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